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Café Cattail Offers Coffeehouse Fun For Nature Lovers

Come one, come all to Huntley Meadows Park's Cafe Cattail, Friday, September 22, 2006 at 7 p.m. Café Cattail, a community coffeehouse provides the artist in you an opportunity to share nature-inspired poetry, music, or dance. All ages are encouraged to participate, or just sit back and enjoy the many talents of fellow nature lovers. Admission is free, and refreshments are available for purchase from Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. For reservations or information, please call 703-768-2525.

Café Cattail is Huntley Meadows' answer to *A Prairie Home Companion*. And this coffeehouse with a nature theme is every bit as eclectic, informal, and entertaining as Garrison Keillor's long-running show on National Public Radio. Plus, Café Cattail is participatory. The microphone and spotlight are open to everyone, from an accomplished eight-year-old playing Chopin on the keyboard to senior citizens creating a harmonizing storm on their harmonicas. Prior presentations for the quarterly coffeehouse have included nature-inspired poetry readings, storytelling, song and dance.

"It's a safe and warm place with a family atmosphere – a place for people to try out their talents," said Karen Nyere, a park volunteer and one of the organizers of Café Cattail. "We have beginners to extremely proficient and polished performers, and it's all wonderful. Our audiences are always supportive, and everyone leaves with a glow."

Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, a Fairfax County Park Authority facility, is located at 3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, and may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 177A (Richmond Highway, Rt. 1) south 3.5 miles to right on Lockheed Boulevard, one half mile to the Visitor Center entrance on the left at Harrison Lane.

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